

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Tuesday, August 23, 1726.

From the Evening Post, Aug. 16.

Dantzick, Aug. 7.

TH E combin'd Squadrons of Great Britain and Denmark ride still at Anchor near Revel. The Dutchess Dowager of Courland is gone for Petersburg, having received positive Orders from the Czarina for that Purpose. The Nobility of Courland having committed a Fault, in chusing (without being duly authorized thereto) a Successor to that Dutchy, will not assemble again, as the Russians would have them, to proceed to a new Election, without Orders from the King of Poland, who has declared to the Senators, That he will not do any Thing in that Affair without the Concurrence of the Republick of Poland. His Majesty has intimated this Resolution to Count Maurice of Saxony, to prevent his involving himself into unfurmoutable Difficulties, by relying upon the Protection of his Majesty, who if he should grant it, might thereby disoblige the Republick.

Vienna, Aug. 7. The Count de Boneval, a Native of France, but once a General in the Service of the Emperor, who upon some Difference between him and the late Marquis de Prie, was severely confined till the Time of the Death of the said Marquis, and who since went into the Service of the Republic of Venice, sent hither lately a voluminous Letter containing abundance of very singular Expressions, which occasions much Uneasiness to our Court. The Court of Saxony has sent to that of Berlin, a Minister to enter into a Negociation about the Affairs of Religion in Poland, and compose them in a friendly Way; as the Emperor earnestly presses the Conclusion of that Affair, it has been recommended here to the Prussian Minister in most urgent Terms.

London, Aug. 16. They write from Paris, that the Queen of France continues still much indisposed, but without a Fever.

From the Whitehall Evening-Post, Aug. 16.

Paris, Aug. 20. The Queen having been some Days without a Fever, 'tis hoped she will recover her Health speedily. Mr. Leblanc continues on the

mending Hand, and is now thought out of Danger. The King has granted to the Countess of Tholouse the Pension of 50,000 Livres, which Princesses of the Blood enjoy.

Madrid, Aug. 6. The Fathers of Mercy who went to redeem the Captives at Tunis, returned to Valencia the 27th past with 19 Slaves, among whom is a Monk of their Order and 2 Franciscans.

Hanover, Aug. 13. His Highness Prince Frederick was condoled t'other Day by the Nobility and Foreign Ministers on the Death of his Grand-Uncle Prince Maximilian of Hanover; and was afterwards congratulated on the new Titles conferr'd on him by his Grandfather the K. of G. Britain. His Royal Highness went into Mourning on the 11th, for the Death of his said Uncle.

London, Aug. 16. Yesterday Matthew Lant, Esq; lately admitted Lord Chief Baron of his Majesty's Exchequer in Scotland, arrived in Town from thence, and immediately went to Kensington to wait upon his Majesty.

'Tis said the Admiralty are about to present the Parish of St. Martin's with another Standard, the former having been torn to Pieces the 1st of August.

Last Sunday his Grace the Duke of Queensberry's new-born Son was Baptized by the Name of Charles; the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Essex and the Lord Gower standing Godfathers, and the Rt. Hon. the Lady Granville, Godmother.

The next Day Mr. Askew, an eminent Quaker, and who drove a considerable Trade to Pensilvania, died suddenly at his House in Austin Friars, as 'tis said, by washing his Feet in cold Water, when he was just come home from a Journey.

From the London Gazette, Aug. 16.

Revel, July 20. On the 17th Inst. at Night Prince Menzicoff arrived at Revel from Riga. The next Day Sir Charles Wager sent Capt. Haddock ashore, with a Compliment to the Prince and a Letter. The Captain was received and treated with great Civility by the Prince, who by a Messenger returned an Answer to Sir Charles's Letter. The Prince invited several English and Danish Lieutenants who happened

happened to be on Shore on the 1st Inst. to dine with him, and entertained them very handsomely. On the 19th the Prince set out for Petersburg. There is no Appearance that the Russians will make any Attempt this Year.

From the Flying Post, Aug. 16.

Stockholm, Aug. 1. It is still uncertain when the Court will return from Carelsberg. Mr. Pointz Minister of Great Britain, having some Days ago received an Express from his Court, went immediately to his Swedish Majesty, and declared to him, that the King his Master was perfectly satisfied with the Resolution taken by his said Majesty and the Senate to contribute all that lay in their Power towards the maintaining the Peace and Tranquillity of Europe, and preserving the Commerce of the Baltick. Count Fretag the Emperors Minister, having likewise received an Express from his Court, went to Carelsberg, to acquaint the King, that his Imperial Majesty could no longer delay giving to the Kings of Great Britain and Prussia, as Electors of the Holy Empire, the Investiture of Bremen, Verden and Stetin. Count Guldensten being at his Country Seat near Upsal, several Senators are gone thither to confer with him on the Affair of the present Conjuncture. According to our last Advices from the Baltick, Admiral Wager was still on the Coast of the Isle of Nargen, with the Fleets of Great Britain and Denmark, and had sent to the Empress of Russia, a third Letter from his Britannick Majesty, which was said to be to the same Purpose as the two former.

Petersburg, July 30. The fitting out of the Fleet is continued, but it remains uncertain, whether it will put to Sea before the Departure of the English Squadron.

From the Daily Journal, Aug. 16.

Brussels, Aug. 16. The Archduchess our Governness, having received Advice from Antwerp, & particular Accounts of the late Disturbance by the Insurrection of the Silk Weavers, who don't like the Importation of India Silks, has ordered her Council to concert some Measures for accommodating the Matter without oppressing the Subjects of these Parts, as to their Trade, or damaging the East India Company.

Paris, Aug. 20. On Tuesday the King and the Princes of the Blood, put on their Mourning, on Account of the Demise of the Dutchess of Orleans. The Duke her late Spouse appears still disconsolate

for the Loss of so accomplished a Lady. The last Letters from the Court at Versailles, which came hither Yesterday in the Afternoon, brought Advice that the Queen rested the latter Part of the Night tolerably well. On the 18th her Majesty took a Sweat, which had a good Effect, and the Fever is apparently abated; which gives further Hopes of her speedy Recovery. Letters from Rome of the 10th of August say, That the Pope having received an Express from Paris, with Advice that the Queen was dangerously indisposed, has ordered Prayers to be put up in the Churches of that City, for imploring of Almighty God for her Majesty's Recovery. Publick Prayers are put up in all the Cities of the Kingdom for the Queen's Recovery.

London, Aug. 16. The Dukes of Argile and Bolton, are daily expected in Town; the former from Scotland, and the latter from Hampshire, when 'tis certainly said, that the Places vacant by the Death of the Earl of Cadogan, will be filled up as follows, viz. His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, to be Colonel of the first Regiment of Foot Guards, the Duke of Bolton Governour of the Isle of Wight, and the Duke of Argile Constable of the Tower of London, Sir Charles Wills General of the Foot Forces in South Britain, and the Lord Malpas Master of the Robes.

From a Written Letter, Aug. 16.

They write from Brussels of the 16th N. S. That the Adherents of the Pretender, who are there in great Numbers, begin to draw advantageous Consequences from the frequent Conversations he has with the Cardinals Gualtieri and Alberoni; and flatter themselves, that some Powers are to enter into strong Engagements in their Favours.

Yesterday it was reported in Exchange Alley, that Sir John Jennings had burnt 5 Spanish Men of War in Port St. Andero in Biscay. But no Credit is given to that Piece of News.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, Aug. 18.

Since our last arrived a Mail from Holland, two from Flanders, and one from France.

WE have Accounts from Bourdeaux of the 16th, that 60 or 70 Parishes in that Province have been ruined by Hail, whereof some weighed from 3 to 4 Pound: The Vines which commonly yielded 4000 Hogsheads of Wine fit for distilling Brandy, will now not produce above 400; the same Storm having destroyed near 600 Tuns of Wine already fit

fit for Brandy, also the Fruit-trees, Turkey Wheat, and a great Number of Cattle.

The King and Senate of Sweden are very cautious of doing any Thing that may incur the Czarina's Displeasure; to which End, we are told, a Resolution was taken by them the 6th Inst. importing, That the Act of their Accession to the Hanover Treaty should be so framed, as not in the least to prejudice the Alliance concluded with her Czarish Majesty: Whose Troops are in full March towards Courland, to oblige the States to a new Election.

We have no further Accounts from Admiral Wager, than that he continues with his Fleet near Revel. Mean-time 'tis justly remarked, that no clandestine Treaties have been negociated and concluded, into which the Ministers of G. Britain have not penetrated, and learned the Cabinet-secrets of the Princes who have been laying the Foundation of new Troubles and Disturbances in Europe; so as to break the Measures, and prevent the Execution of their dangerous Projects; and which, 'tis hoped, will prevent a War, tho' Stories are daily hatching, and false Accounts spread, to sink publick Credit; viz. among the rest, 'tis pretended, That Admiral Hosier has begun Hostilities in the Spanish W. Indies.

A Report runs this Day that the Q. of France is dead; but the Letters from Paris just come to Hand contradict it: However, they make her to be in such a dangerous Condition, that Prayers of 40 Hours have been said in all the Churches of that City on the 18th, 19th & 20th Inst. and the HOST expos'd, to implore God for her Majesty's Recovery. Some begin to employ their Thoughts on a Match for his Most Christian Majesty, in case of the Demise of the Queen; but 'tis not consistent to imagine it will be a Princess of the House of Austria.

Whalebone is risen a Shilling in the Pound, by reason of the bad Success of the Greenland Fishery this Year; which, on the other hand, has occasioned the Loss of no less than 10000 L. to the Dutch.

They write from Bristol of the 13th Inst. That the Journeymen Weavers in the Suburbs of that City have made great Troubles for 2 or 3 Days before the Date, occasioned by their Masters making their Serges longer, and their Prices shorter; so that many of them will not work themselves, nor suffer others, but break into all the Houses where they know any to be at Work, and cut it out of their Looms, tearing and burning the same. 'Tis said two of them have been shot, but not mortally. 'Tis added, That a Gentleman conversing with his own

Brother, stabbed him on a sudden, and himself afterwards: The latter died on the Spot, and the former is in a languishing Condition; but has declared, to the Surprise of every Body, that not the least Anger had pass between them.

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From the Evening Post, Aug. 18.

Vienna, Aug. 16. We see here the following Translation of a Letter writ in Latin by Admiral Wager to Prince Menzicoff, with the Answer to the same by that Prince.

I Apply to your Highness by this Letter, to notify to you the Motive of my coming with the Fleet entrusted to me. The King my Master ordered me to sail with part of the Maritime Forces of Great Britain, to come and give not only to the Crowns of Denmark and Sweden (as I have done) but also to her Czarish Majesty, the strongest Assurances of his sincere Friendship. I am commanded in particular as Minister and Plenipotentiary, to employ the most convenient Means, for recovering in a friendly Way, such Differences as may now be between the Powers of the Baltick Sea, in order to restore a durable Tranquillity in the North; from which in a great Measure depends the Prosperity of Europe. I intreat your Highness, who is at the Head of Affairs, as Prime Minister, to endeavour to dispose her Czarish Majesty to give such Orders for the free Commerce, which was granted to the British Nation by the late Czar, on certain Conditions, in all the Ports of Russia, for all Manner of Ships trading to the Baltick, and that the Augmentation of Duties and other Impositions may be settled and remain upon the same Foot as was stipulated in the Time of the late Czar of Glorious Memory. The King my Master on his Part will give necessary Orders for procuring to the Russian Traders all possible Facility in the Ports of G. Britain, on which I wait for a categorical Answer.

P. S. *Paris, Aug. 24.* Her Majesty recovers gradually, but as she continues very weak, will not be able to go to Fountainbleau with the King.

From the Whitehall Evening-Post, Aug. 18.

Petersburg, Aug. 2. The Czarina, who they said was gone to Riga, stopped at Catherinenhoff, a few Leagues from hence, which makes it believed that she has altered her Design. Another Fregate is arrived here with an Express from Admiral Wager, which set forward directly for the Czarina's Court

Court. They write from Livonia, that several Russian Regiments are on their March for Courland, in order to support the new Election, to which the Czarina would fain oblige the States of that Dutchy.

Edinburgh, Aug. 23. Yesterday the Honourable the Lord Milton took his Seat (for the first Time) as one of the Lords Commissioners of Justiciary, in room of the Lord Pancaitland, who, we hear, has resigned.

Yesterday their Graces the Duke and Dutchess of Athol arrived in Town.

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¶¶ Dr. MARTIN and Dr. GRÆME, begin their private Course of the *Theory and Practice* of MEDICINE on the first Tuesday of November next.

¶¶ There was lost on Thursday last, being the 18th Inst. betwixt Dalkeith and Edinburgh, or betwixt Dalkeith and Polton, a Red Russia Leather Pocket-Book, with the Word CONSTANTINOPLE on the Back, having therein several principal Papers, Any Person who can give Account of the said Pocket-book (with the Contents) so as the same may be got back, let them enquire at the Author of this Paper, and they shall have Five Guineas Reward.

Edinburgh, 25th July 1726.

By Order of the MAGISTRATES.

¶¶ That a GALLOWAY PLATE, given by the Town of Leith, value £. 25 sterl. will be run for on the Sands of Leith on the *Seventeenth of September* next, by Galloways carrying Nine Stones English, including Whip, Saddle and Bridle; to run 3 Heats, four Miles each, or twice round the Sands. The Horses are to start betwixt the Hours of 10 & 11 before Noon. The other Conditions and Rules for running of this Plate, are the same with those for running the City of Edinburgh's Plate; with this Difference, That each Person shall at Booking pay only One Guinea.

¶¶ That the KING's PLATE, value 100 Guineas, will be run for on the Sands of Leith the *Nineteenth of September* next, by any Horse, Mare or Gelding carrying Eleven Stones English, allowing Whip, Saddle and Bridle to be Part thereof; to run Three Heats four Miles, or twice round the Sands. The Horses to start betwixt 11 & 12 in the Forenoon. No jostling or Crossing to be allowed; and all Disputes are to be determined by the Lord Provost and Magistrates, who are to be with the Flags at the Starting and Distance-posts. The Distance-post is to be Ten score Yards from the Starting-post. The Rider, after each Heat, is to take off his Saddle himself and carry it with him the Moment he dismounts to the

Scales, and is to be allowed in weighing a Pound for Waste. Half an Hour is allowed at the End of each Heat, for Rubbing. If three single Horses gains each of them a Heat, the Horse that gains the last Heat, gets the Plate: Or, if any Horse gains the first two Heats, he gets the Plate. If any Horse, Mare or Gelding runs on the wrong Side of any of the Posts, or runs down any of them, they are to run back the same Way, and run right, or be adjudged as distanced. If the Water comes in upon the Course, the Posts are to be brought in during Rubbing, at the Direction of the Judges. The Flag at the Starting post to be dropt the Moment the first Horse's Head is seen to be past it, at the End of each Heat. And in case, by the Sea's not going far enough out, the Sands should allow but a short Course, it shall be in the Power of the Judges, any Time before the Race, to appoint each Heat to be run thrice round the Sands. The Flag at the Distance-post to be dropt at the same Time with that at the Starting post; and all the Horses that are not seen to be past the Distance-post at that Time, are adjudged as distanced, and have no Right to run again.

¶¶ The Silver Plate given by the Town of Edinburgh, to the Value of 50 L. Sterling, will be run for on the Sands of Leith, on the 30th of September next, by any Horse Mare or Gelding, carrying ten Stone English Weight, allowing Whip, Saddle, and Bridle, to run three Heats, each Heat being four Miles, or twice round the Sands. The Horses are to start betwixt Twelve and One Mid-day. No jostling or Crossing to be allowed, and all Disputes are to be determined by the Lord Provost, and Magistrates, who are to be with the Flags, at the Starting and Distance Posts. The Distance Post is to be ten score Yards from the Starting Post. The Rider after each Heat is to take off his Saddle himself, and to carry it with him that Moment he dismounts, to the Scales, and is to be allowed in weighing one Pound for Waste. Half an Hour is allowed at the End of each Heat for Rubbing. If three single Horses gains each of them a Heat, the Horse that gains the last Heat gets the Plate, or if any Horse gains the first two Heats, gets the Plate. If any Horse or Gelding runs on the wrong Side of any of the Posts, or runs down any of them, they are to run back the same Way, and turn right, or else they are adjudged as distanced. If the Water comes in upon the Course, the Posts are to be brought in during the Time of Rubbing, at the Directions of the Judges. The Flag at the Starting Post to be dropt the Moment the first Horse's Head is seen to be past it, at the End of each Heat; and in case by the Sea's not going far enough out, the Sands should allow but a short Course, it shall be in the Power of the Judges, any Time before the Race, to appoint each Heat to be run thrice round the Sands. That the Horses which are to run for this Plate, being three at least, must be at Leith eight Days before the Days of the Race, and be booked forty eight Hours before running, and to pay two Guineas each at Booking.

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